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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 12-15 are withdrawn as a result of the March 21, 2003 restriction requirement. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3, 4, and 8-11 contain patentable subject matter since these claims would be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims, as applicable.